

**In the Claims**

1. (Currently amended) A method of operating a computing device having an operating system and a dynamic link library containing a plurality of functions accessible by an executable program, each function in the dynamic link library being associated with an ordinal number, the method comprising:

configuring the computing device to provide the dynamic link library as a first part and an extension part, the first part and the extension part each containing one or more of the plurality of functions;

executing the executable program using a processor of the computing device to cause the executable program to link to functions in the first part directly by means of the associated ordinal numbers; and

executing the executable program using [[a]] said processor of the computing device to cause the executable program to link to functions in the extension part indirectly via a further library containing additional functions.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the further library is arranged to link to a plurality of dynamic link libraries in the computing device.

5. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein said computing device uses a read only memory (ROM) code for use within the computing device, said ROM code being is accessible only via the further library.

6. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein functions within the extension part are provided as private functions.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the one or more functions in the first part form part of the operating system.

9. (Previously presented) A computing device arranged to operate according to the method of claim 1.

10. (Previously presented) Computer software arranged to cause a computing device to operate according to the method of claim 1.